The Travancore-Cochin Civil Courts Bill

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: I may be permitted to introduce this Bill at the next session of the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker: I think it may be allowed.

The House agreed to the postponement of the Bill.

The Travancore-Cochin Prevention of Corruption Bill

Sri. T. K Narayana Pillai: I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Travancore-Cochin Prevention of Corruption Bill and move that the Bill, as reported by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration.

Sri. A. J. John: I second the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: I move in sub-clause (2) of clause 1, for the words "United State of Travancore and Cochin" occurring in both places, substitute the words "State of Travancore-Cochin", and for the words "United State" occurring in line 4, substitute the word "State".

Sri. A. J. John: I second it.

The amendment was put and carried.

Sri. D. Gnanasigamoni: Sir, In sub-clause (2) of Clause 1, between the words 'all and 'servants' insert the words 'subjects and'.

It will mean that the Act will apply to all servants and subjects of the United State. I am only adopting the phraseology used in Section 1 (2) of the Government of India Act. It extends to the whole of British India and applies to all subjects and servants of the Crown. It appears to be that without this word prosecution cannot be properly instituted against Government servants, who are retired or dismissed from service. This word may therefore be included to make the meaning explicit.

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: I am prepared to accept the amendment.

Sri. A. Thanu Pillai: I do not know whether it would be correct to say 'subjects of the Government of the United State'. In the Indian Act subjects of the Crown is quite alright.

Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai: It may be modified as 'citizens of the State and servants of the Government of Travancore-Cochin'.

Sri. A. P. Udayabhanu: Sir, I think there is only one citizenship for the whole of the Union and therefore there cannot be any citizen of this State.

Sri. A. Thanu Pillai: It may be modified as subjects of the United State and servants of the Government of the United State'.

Mr. Speaker: In regard to Amendment No 2, certain alterations are necessary. When it was put to the House, the idea was that the necessary alterations were to be brought forward later on. That is consequential on the amendment. Now we will take up amendment No. 3. Mr. Gnanasigamony,

Sri. D. Gnanasigamoni: I am not moving that amendment. I am moving amendment No. 6. In that amendment, if you will permit me, I want to substitute "1952" for "1950". This is in conformity with the Indian Act.

Mr. Speaker: I think there is no objection in allowing the Hon'ble Member to make that alteration and move the amendment.

Sri. D. Gnanasigamoni: I move;—

Add as sub-clause (4) to clause 1, the following:

"Section 5 shall remain in force till March 11, 1952".

Sir, I am moving this amendment so that our law may be brought in line with the Prevention of Corruption Act obtaining in the Indian Union. Sir, on 21st February 1950 an amendment was introduced in the House of the People to Clause 1, by which it was desired to extend the operation of that Act till 1952. The amendment was that in sub-section (2) of Section 1, for the words "three years" the words "five years" be substituted. Thus it was intended to keep the original section 5 in the Act in force for a period of two years more. In the Objects and Reasons of that Bill, it was stated:

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